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AL LAST ROAD LIES CLEAR AND FIRM **BEFORE BUSINESS**

Wilson Tells Country Legislative Program of Regulation Is Complete.

EVERY HONEST MAN MAY . WALK WITH CONFIDENCE

There Need Be No Conjecture as to What New Measures May Follow.

ANNUAL MESSAGE IS READ

Large Portion Devoted to Statement on Policy of National

WASHINGTON December 8 -- Prostdent Wilson, in his annual address to ongress to-day, coupled with a demen might travel with perfect

hanged conditions due to the European war, particularly the government ship purchase bill; measures to un-lock resources of the national domain to encourage improvement of able waters for generation of , and the bill already passed by louse to give "a larger measure f self-government to the people of the

ense"; that the attitude of the gov-rnment would not be altered "be-ause some amongst us are nervous nd excited," and that a policy of de-ense could "easily and sensibly be

red apon.

President said the war in Europe
left foreign nations more depen-

listened attentively to the outline of sembling" of the parts of the government to secure greater efficiency.

are not prepared for war. What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant that we are not ready upon brief notice to put a nation in the field, a nation of men trained to arms? Of course, we are not ready to do that; and we shall never be in time of peace, so long as we retain our present political prin-ciples and institutions."

Proclaiming the people from the United States "champions of peace and concord," the President emphatically opposed a great standing army, and was again cheered when he asserted that in time of national peril the country must depend "upon a citizenry trained and accustomed to arms." When the President had concluded he was surrounded by Senators and Representatives who gathered in the

Speaker's office to extend their con-SHERMAN PRESENTS BILL.
TO FIGHT CORN WEEVIL

WASHINGTON, December S.—Sena-tor Sherman, of Illinois, to-day intro-duced a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to determine whether a dangerous weevil exists in corn imported into the United States, and to prevent its infecting domestic corn if found to exist.

REQUEST OF SOUTHERN DENIED BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The Senate committee investigating coal transportation conditions in the South, denied to-day a request from the Southern Rallway for a brief delay in resumption of the inquiry set for

EVERY CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY, FOR MAIL CARRIERS

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Every Christmas Day hereafter would be a legal holiday for the rural letter carriers of the United States under a bill introduced to-day by Representative Park, of Georgia.

DEFICIENCY ESTIMATES

POUR IN ON CONGRESS WASHINGTON, December 8.—Supplemental and deficiency estimates, in addition to the estimates of \$1,090,000,000 submitted to Congress yesterday, began to pour into the capital to-day. Secretary McAdoo submitted a supplemental estimate of \$3,000,000 for the Interstate Commerce Commission's railroad valuation work. The appropriation made for the current fiscal year was

A deficiency estimate of \$349,243 to (Continued on Eighth Page.)

ATTRACTIVE AND ENJOYABLE TRIP.
To Baltimore, via York River Line, 5:10 P
M., except Sun. \$2,50 one way; \$4.50 R. T.

WILLIAM W. ROCKHILL DEAD NEUTRALS SOUND Distinguished Diplomat Had Served His Country at Many Posts.

HONOLULÚ, December 8.—William W. Rockhill, the distinguished American diplomat, died here to-day.

Mr. Rockhill, who was en route to Peking, there to take up his duties as the newly appointed adviser to President Yuan Shi Kai, left the liner Chiyo Maru, on which he hed backed through Maru, on which he had booked through passage to Japan, last Friday, because of a severe cold he had taken since sailing from San Francisco.

At a hospital his condition failed to mend. Symptoms of cardiac weakness developed yesterday, and last night he was known to be critically ill. He sank rapidly, and died at 1 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Rockhill had served his country

as minister to China, minister to Greece, and as ambassador to Russia and to Turkey. In his younger days, disguised as a Chinese, he made a notable expedition into the forbidden land of Tibet.

FLAMES DESTROY VESSEL

Of Vedra's Crew of Thirty-Six, All Are Lost But Two.

BARROW, ENGLAND, December 8.— Wrapped in flames, and with the sea about her ablaze from her cargo of gasolene, the British steamer Vedra ran ashore near Barrow during a heavy gale, broke up and was burned, only two men of her crew of thirty-six es-caped death

LADY DECIES INJURED

Former Miss Vivien Gould Victim of

bomb fell. She was struck on the shoulder by a splinter of iron, and as long as she lives will carry the mark as a memento."

TROOPS ORDERED TO NACO

WASHINGTON, December 8 .- President upon the United States for supplies, and that the government should provide ships that the nation's goods markets."

The Philippine bill, the President asserted, "would nobly crown the record of these two years of memorable labor."

he had ordered Brigndier Tasker H.
Bliss to start for Naco with three batteries of field artillery and "await
further orders there."

PRACTICE MUST STOP

official communication to the Cotton Exment to secure greater emiciency.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY CHEERED.
WITH GALLERIES JOINING

Mr. Wilson spoke with great emphasis and deliberation when he began discussion of the military situation, and was enthusiastically cheered, the galleries joining in the applause when he declared:

"It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war. What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant to secure the substitution to the Cotton Exchange, H. T. C. Hunt, British consultance, the declared communication to the Cotton Exchange, H. T. C. Hunt, British consultance, the substitute of subspers that the clandestine shipping of conper and other contraband commodities with cotton must cease. He practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband goods, and asks the exchange authorities to warn the cotton Exchange, H. T. C. Hunt, British consultance, and the contrabance of comper and other contraband commodities with cotton must cease. He practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband commodities with cotton must cease. He practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband commodities with cotton must cease. He practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband commodities with cotton must cease. He practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband commodities with cotton must cease. He practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband commodities with the statement that the practice will lead to grave loss and inconvenience to shippers of noncontraband commodities with cotton must cease. thorities to warn the cotton shipp of New Orleans against such action.

BRYAN AWAITS COPY

When He Rends Arizona Law He Will Be Rendy to Act.

PHOENIX, ARIZ, December 8.—
Secretary Bryan telegraphed to-day to
Governor Hunt that when a copy of the
new Arizona law, providing that no
Arizona business employing more than
five persons shall have less than 80 per
cent of its employes American citizens five persons shall have less than 80 per-cent of its employes American citizens, reaches him, he will take up the matter to determine whether it conflicts with treaty provisions. Great Britain and Italy have profested against the law.

MILITARY TRAINS COLLIDE

Both Loaded With Explosives, and Are Utterly Destroyed.

PETROGRAD, December 8.—News has been received here of a terrible collision between two German military trains loaded with explosives and shells trains loaded with explosives and shells in the government of Kleice. Both trains were utterly destroyed, not a single survivor remaining. The explo-sion was so terrific that the detonation was heard more than thirty miles

GENERAL BEYERS SHOT

One of Leaders in South African Rebel-lion Believed to Be Dead.

JOHANNESBURG, December 9 (via London, 3:42 A. M.).—Brigadier-Gen-eral Christian Frederick Beyers, one of the leaders of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been shot, it is officially announced, and is believed to

NOTES INDICATE SUICIDE

Steamer Found Empty.

NORFOLK, VA., December 8 .- When the Washington steamer docked here to-day the stateroom which had been occupied by Eugene Cogswell, of Washington, was found empty. His clothing was in it. He left notes to his wife and mother indicating suicide.

VIRGINIAN IS NAMED

Charles Campbell, Jr., Goes to Legation at Berne.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The President sent to the Senate to-day the nomination of Charles Campbell, Jr., of Virginia, for secretary of the legation at Berne.

AMERICAN SHIPS AND GUNS AS GOOD TO BELLIGERENTS **AS ANY IN WORLD**

Twenty Nations of Western United States Fears Nothing in Comparison With Other Navies and Armies.

Hemisphere Disapprove

War's Effects.

New Movement in Inter-

national Law.

Innocent Countries Must Be Pro-

tected Against Warlike

WASHINGTON, December 8 .- Twenty

point indispensable for military opera-

SPECIAL COMMISSION

circumstances suggest.'

ambassadors of Brazil, Chile and Argentina and the ministers of the sixteen other republics. There was one vacant chair—that of the ambassador

from Mexico, the government of which country remains unrecognized by the family of nations.

CRITICAL PERIOD PASSES

Believed Now That L. L. Scherer

Practically Out of Danger. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., December 8.

-Good reports continue to come from

Good reports continue to come trong the hospital here where L. L. Scherer, general claim agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio-Railway, is recovering from a serious bullet wound. The return a serious bullet wound.

of Dr. W. T. Oppenhimer to Richmond is taken to mean that Mr. Scherer is practically out of danger. The critical

period has been passed, and the rela-tives of Mr. Scherer are in good spirits over the marked change for the better.

AVIATORS ARE KILLED

Acts of Others.

VIGOROUS ASSERTION

COUNTRY'S ARMAMENT OF RIGHTS WILL BE MADE IS STOUTLY DEFENDED

Meeting Regarded as Birth of Admiral Badger and General Crozier Discuss Lessons Drawn From European War.

CONFERENCE IS PAN-AMERICAN GARDNER MEETS WITH DEFEAT

Committee Refuses His Request for Special Inquiry Into State of Preparedness.

WASHINGTON, December 8 .- Les tary and Naval Committees to-day by Americas, and appointed a commission ordnance of the army, and Rear-Ad-

the American republics, most of them that American field guns were as good under specific instructions from their as any in the world

Underlying the several speeches made tary and naval strength country." the diplomats was a note of warning STILL DETERMINED

that the presence of belligerent warships in the Western Hemisphere already had produced grave complications between American nations and
European powers, demonstrating the
vital need of Pan-American solidarity.
Secretary Bryan made the opening
speech, pointing out that the United
speech, pointing out that the United
states sympathized deeply with the
plight of its neighboring republics, and
declaring that happened and speech and declaring that happened and speech and speech and declaring that happened and speech and

to feel uncomfortable.

character call for a definition of such rights as promptly as possible, upon General Crozier sa

General Crozler said the Ordnance Bureau was experimenting with field howitzers of seven and a haif and nine and a haif inch calibre. These, he said, could move with a mobile army. At present, he said, the field artillery is supplied with three and six-inch guns.

"On these grounds, the governing board of the Pan-American Union re-HOPES TO INCREASE "I. A special commission of the same AMMUNITION SUPPLY

is hereby appointed, to consist of nine members, of which the Secretary of State of the United States shall form In ammunition for field guns, General Crozier said, the department had 38 per cent of the estimated needed part, acting as chairman thereof, ex reserve on hand. This, he said, he hoped to increase. In time of war, General Crozier estimated, government plants and private factories could turn officio.
"2. This commission shall study the problems presented by the present European war, and shall submit to the governing board the suggestions it out 400,000 rounds of ammunition in six months, and 130,000 rounds a month may deem of common interest. In the

thereafter.

"If you were in a war would that be enough?" asked Representative Avis.

"Well, the ammunition plants are being enlarged right along," said General (Tentler Willer). study of questions of a technical character, this commission will consult the board of jurists. board of jurists.

"3. Each government may submit to the committee such plans or suggested resolutions as may be deemed convenient on the different subjects that "They are meeting an eral Crozier. "The increased demand."

"Are they selling through Canada?" asked Representative Kahn.

The committee was immediately appointed to consist of the Secretary of State of the United States; the ambassadors from Brazil, Chile, Argentina; the ministers from Uruguay, Peru, Founday, Montages, Montages, Contages, Montages, Contages, Montages, Montage "They are selling to somebody."
General Crozier said that automobile manufacturers in this country were turning out through Canada armored Ecuador, Honduras and Cuba.

The Secretary of State of the United automobiles for a European power at States, as chairman ex officio of the governing board of the Pan-American Union, presided over the meeting. Seated to his right and left were the

"What," queried Representative Kahn, "we are asked to pray for peace, and yet we furnish armored cars to a belligerent to further war?"

SHOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE
OF GERMANY AND ENGLAND Admiral Badger advised the Naval Committee that the United States should follow the example of Germany and Great Britain in creating a naval reserve of officers and men who have served in the navy. He insisted that hattleships should not be sacrificed to increase the number of submarines. The influence of the British fleet, he

said, was such that without firing a gun it had accomplished its purpose of driving German commerce off the seas, of insuring safe transportation of the English army to the Continent and of protecting neutral trade with Eng-Admiral Badger expressed the opin-

ion that it would be a mistake to station submarine craft at any par-ticular ports along the Atlantic or Pacific or Gulf for coast defense, saying that handling the submarines as flotillas rather than as separated coast defenses would make for greater efficiency. He added that he regarded 130 submarines as adequate.

The admiral recounted tests made by alreart security of the Atlantic White Paris 1880.

AVIATORS ARE KILLED

Earl Annealey and Companion Shot
While Flying Over Ostend.

LONDON, December 8.—Earl Annesley and his companion, Lieutenant
Beever, who disappeared early last
to muddy the water.

ocean, or where there were no rivers to muddy the water.

The admiral dwelt upon the efficiency of the American warships. He said in the Atlantic Fleet every gun was fired twenty times a year in target practice. Personally, he advocated devoting more time to target practice. time to target practice.

VICTORY WITH GERMANS ON POLAND'S GORY FIELD



The Prince of Wales Marching with his Regiment as

EMINENT EDUCATORS DISCUSS TRAINING HOLD CONFERENCE TO-DAY

Society for Promotion of Industrial Delegates Representing Many De-Education Opens Session This Afternoon.

GOMPERS SPEAKS TO-NIGHT BRYAN SPEAKS AT AUDITORIUM

President of American Federation of Labor to Address Central Trades and Labor Council at John Marshall High School.

Following the fourth annual cor

education, and who was appointed by President Wilson a member of the National Commission on Vocational Instruction; Leonard P. Ayres, director of the division of education, Russell Sage Foundation, New York; P. P. Clax-ton. United States Commissioner of Education; William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and president of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education; James P. Monroe, president of the Monroe Felt and Paper Company, Bos-ton, Mass., and others of prominence in their respective States and cities.

RICHMOND SURVEY TO BE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION The Richmond survey, which the so-clety conducted here, will furnish the basis for a large part of the program, and members of the City Council and of all civic and social organizations are strongly urged by the society to hear the discussions. The survey dishear the discussions. The survey discovered the fact that Richmond spends more generously than any other city of its class for highways and sanita tion, but less than almost any other city for the support of its schools. The survey has attracted the attention of all educators, because the recommendations that will be made represent the effort of the general survey committee to suggest the best program for the development of the vo-

gram for the development of the vocational training.

This convention will be the largest gathering of experts interested in industrial education ever held in the history of the movement. It will be the first time the convention has met in a city where the meetings are largely based on a study of industries and educational forces for determining just what forms of vocational training are best for the community. Mr. Prosser said that it would be the most significant convention ever held, that he is cant convention ever held, that he is amazed at the interest shown through the country in this meeting.

Conferences on all matters pertain-ing to vocational and industrial train-ing will be held each morning and af-ternoon during the convention.

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WILL DISCUSS VOCATIONAL

TRAINING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

They will include discussion of what subject in his period there follows a marvelous religious movement. It was so after the subject in a general industrial course for boys, what should be taught in a general industrial course for girls, the relationship between employer and the vocational school, and how practical and sympassion, and how practical and sympassion of war inglification.

The Methodist Chuch, spoke in his place.

"The spirit of evangelism is still at the organizations.

The French official report to-night announces that the Germans have made a violent attack on the allies at St. Eloy, south of ypres, which was religious movement. It was so after the full be so again."

"We talk about the evils of militarism, but our commercialism, blighting us with its bloody hands, is as bad as militarism. We are fighting a terthetic co-operation may be effected bebetween employer and the vocational school, and how practical and sympathetic co-operation may be effected between them, the need of evening industrial schools, the recognition of industrial education in trade agreements, the recognition of industrial education for ence, which was adjourned, July 1, following the outbreak of the European advance south of Beigrade is progressing.

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PROTESTANT CHURCHES

nominations Discuss Extension of Christianity.

Topic "Church Unity and the Peace Movement"—Elaborate Program of Business.

omic and social problems, are listed torium will be features of to-day's among the speakers, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federapanied by Mrs. Bryan, is expected to tion of Labor, will be the chief speaker arrive in Richmond at 3 o'clock this tion of Labor, will be the chief speaker at the meeting to be held under the auspices of the Central Trades and Labor Council in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School to-night at 8 o'clock. Other men of note who will make addresses during the convention include C. A. Prosser, who has traveled 90,000 miles in America in the cause of promoting and furthering vocational education, and who was appointed by President Wilson a member of the CHURCH UNITY AND THE PEACE. "CHURCH UNITY AND THE PEACE MOVEMENT" TO BE BRYAN'S TOPIC

"Church Unity and the Peace Move-ment" will be Secretary Bryan's sub-ject to-night, while President Mathews The session at the City Auditorium will begin promptly at 8 o'clock to-night, and will be opened with prayer by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., pastor of Union Station Methodist Church, will preside at the meeting. After the addresses the closing prayer will be offered by Rev. W. C. James, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church. enue Baptist Church.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of New York, representative of the commission on relations with Japan, will take a promrelations with Japan, will take a prom-inent part in to-day's sessions. Dr. Guilck is in close touch with the situa-tion in the Eastern countries, and is well known throughout this country

for his comprehensive lectures.

Last night, at the session of the Commission on Evangelism, Rev. F. E. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Indianapolis, outlined the career of George Whitefield, the famous eighteenth century evangelist. "George Whitefield still lives," he said. "After 150 years he is still speaking to us to-day, urging us to a more passionate zeal for souls, a tender compassion for

Rev. J. F. Carson, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. who was scheduled to speak last night on "Personal Evangelism." was prevented from attending the session last wight and Bishan E. B. Handrik at the control of the control o night, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix. the Methodist Chuch, spoke in his

RUSSIANS FLEE FROM PURSUERS

There Has Been Fearful Slaughter and Intense Suffering From Cold.

OTHER DETAILS OF BATTLE ARE STILL TO BE WRITTEN Forces of Czar in South Continue

to Press on Toward Cracow.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN WEST Attack Near Ypres May Presage An-

other Attempt to Smash Lines of Allies.

Germans Are Active on Western Front

THE Germans are attacking the THE Germans are attacking the allied line south of Ypres, in Belgium, but the French announce the Germans have been repulsed. At some point along the battle front in Flanders and Northern France the Germans each day of late have made a concerted movement, with a view to pushing their advance farther west or to the

based on a statement from German headquarters, which says "every-thing is proceeding according to our program," and it is assumed in

The bombardment of the Belgian coast by the ailled warships, between Ostend and Nieuport, began on Tuesday afternoon in conjunction with land operations, according to a late dispatch from Rotterdam.

In the east conditions remain as previously reported, the occupation of Lods by the Germans being considered certain, as well as a general movement of the Russians against Cracow. German troops have come to the aid of the Austrians at the Cracow fortress, stiffening the defense of the garrison against Russians fense of the garrison against Rus-In West Galicia activity along

the battle line is increasing, and the Austrian troops, an official statement from Vienna asserts, have driven the Russians from Dobesyce and Wielizcka, taking more than 5,000 prisoners. Emperor William is suffering from bronchial catarrh at Berlin,

The Japanese Minister of Marine Vice-Admiral Yashiro, makes the announcement that, while the war in Europe endures, the Japanese

navy's duties will continue, and that the Japanese fleet, in conjunction with British warships, is seeking the Germans in South American The Japanese Foreign Minister, Baron Kato, announces also that it has not been decided whether Japan

The Colombian government has ordered the high-powered wireless station at Cartagena dismantled. This action follows protests made recently by Great Britain and France of alleged breaches of neutrality by Colombia.

LONDON, December 8 (11:30 P. M.). The great battle for possession of Poland continues. The front extends along 300 miles, and victory over a part of it, at least, appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Rus-sians are pressing on Cracow in the

dermans seems undoubted, and a Rus-

Germans seems undoubted, and a Russian official report just issued apparently is preparing the public for the news by referring to the difficulty of defending the city, which gives to the Russian front an abnormal contour, and forecasts a reforming of the line.

Details of these mighty battles yet have to be written. The general fact that there has been fearful slaughter and intense suffering from the cold comprises about the total of the information received. The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians south and southeast of Lodz. Several American correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle broke, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of a strict censorship. INSIST BEST TROOPS

ARE KEPT IN WEST British military experts insist that three-quarters of the best material of Germany has been held in the western theatre of the war throughout the cam-paign, and that troops opposing the

gagements.

Austrian and Servian reports con-tinue to claim success for their respec-tive sides. Servia reports a victory on the northeast front, with nearly 2,000